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SUBJECT: MEXICAN VISAS FOR US FILM CREW

1. 339 FOCUS INC, OF 339 EAST 48TH ST. NY, NY 10017 HAS CONTACTED THE DEPT TO REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE VISAS TO A NINE MAN FILM CREW WHICH WISHES TO FILM A COMMERCIAL IN CIUDAD OBREGON. THE COMPANY EXPLAINED THAT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL (WHEAT FIELD WITH RAILROAD TRACK) CAN BE MET THIS TIME OF YEAR IN THAT LOCATION ONLY.

2. FILM CREW WOULD ENTER MEXICO AT NOGALES APRIL 15, FILM THE 16TH AND 17TH WEATHER PERMITTING, AND DEPART 18TH. EQUIPMENT WOULD BE STANDARD CAMERA GEAR.

3. ALL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE MADE APPLICATION FOR VISA AT MEXICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND HAVE REQUESTED HANDLING BY CABLE. INDIVIDUALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RON DONOFRIO	US	PRODUCTION ASSISTANT
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JERRY PRUEITT	US	DIRECTOR
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TOM HALLMAN	US	SOUND ENGINEER
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CHUCK HAYNES	US	ELECTRICIAN
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ELY FELDMAN	US	PRODUCER
DON KLEIN	US	CREATIVE SUPERVISOR
LEO STUCKHUS	US	ART DIRECTOR
LEW WOOD	US	ACTOR
WERNER HLINKA	GERMAN	CAMERAMAN

4. DEPT REALIZES THAT VISA FOR GERMAN NATIONAL PRESENTS ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTY, WHICH HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO 339 FOCUS. FOCUS COULD, IF NECESSARY, SUBSTITUTE US CITIZEN FOR HLINKA, BUT PREFERS NOT TO DO SO.

5. REQUEST THAT YOU APPROACH GOM TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION. NOTIFICATION TO CONSULATE GENERAL IN NY WOULD HAVE TO BE RECEIVED FOR VISA ISSUANCE BY FRIDAY APRIL 12 TO BE HELPFUL. RUSH

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